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Hello Members,

Another great year for ANZA has come to an end and unbelievably Christmas is only a few weeks away. This is also an eventful time for ANZA with a number of changes and some happy and sad news.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to two previous ANZA Presidents this month. Firstly, Annie Sharrock and her family Jono, Ben and Lochie are relocating to Egypt. Annie was with ANZA for over five years of which she was president for three. She introduced many new events in her time, such as the Seoul Summer Survivor Party, that have become firm and favourite fixtures in our annual calendar. Annie is a natural leader, organiser and go-getter. Her contributions were invaluable and will be missed.

We are also saying goodbye to ex-President Georgie Bruce. Georgie and her husband Rob are packing up and taking their clan to Hong Kong. Georgie was with ANZA for two years of which she was president for one year. With her energy, creativity and experience in event management she took ANZA to another level which we will work hard to maintain in the future. Amongst all her ANZA and family duties Georgie also ran her business, Southern Exchange, which imported and sold original Aboriginal and South African artwork in Seoul. Many of us are fortunate to have pieces from Georgie gracing our walls which strangely enough will always be a fond reminder of our time in Seoul. (Sounds odd but there you have it!).

We will miss you both and wish you and your families all the best in your new adventures and endeavours.

On a brighter note, ANZA is very excited to announce our new President and a reorganised committee for 2008. Our new firm and fearless leader has lived in Seoul for seven years and is well known in the Australian and New Zealand community for her work with ANZA, the Medical Referral Service, Seoul Players and her running business. Having served on the committee for most of those seven years, Diana Underwood will be taking the ANZA reins and leading us through 2008. Please join us in congratulating Diana on her new role!

She will be supported by the Vice-President Marie-Celine Chery and a strong and enthusiastic committee which includes Treasurer Karen Heaney; Secretary, Frances Crews; Website Manager Kathy Daldorf; Memberships Officer Pilar Perez; Expatriate Community Liaison Therese Griffin; Ball Committee Leaders, Anne Duncan and Sally Gurr; Melbourne Cup Committee Leader Susan Morgan; Newsletter Editor Jane Williams; and General Committee Cathy Cole, Carol Osborne and myself. With Diana's drive and a strong team we can look forward to a fantastic and fun filled 2008.

For those of you who are finishing off your school year and those getting ready to head home for the festive season, we wish you all safe travels and a very merry Christmas and a fabulous 2008 to everyone!

Ingrid Hunghanfoo

ANZA President 2006- 2007



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Event News

ANZA Christmas Lunch, 9 December 2007 COEX Intercontinental Hotel, Seoul



Numbers are limited.
RSVP by 2 December, 2007

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ANZA Christmas Wine Offer

Exclusive to ANZA members only.....
Cloudy Bay, Cape Mentelle,
Green Point and Veve Clicquot.
Hurry, offer closes 5 December, 2007

[Read more.....](#)



Next Global Café: 15 January, 2008 Hyatt Hotel Seoul, from 10:00am (& optional lunch)

Join us the third Tuesday of every month for our Global Café. Members and guests are always welcome for a friendly cup of tea or coffee and to enjoy special guest speakers and events.

2008 ANZA Ball Announcement!

Save this date: **Saturday, 10 May, 2007**
More details soon.

Recent Events.....

2007 Melbourne Cup Luncheon

A great time was had by everyone at this year's Melbourne Cup Luncheon. There were some very glamorous looking ladies – and some rather glamorous looking gents as well! Once again the Grand Hyatt did an excellent job – the lunch & service was fantastic, so our thanks to Michael Allegra and his team! And thanks to our sponsors including Cathay Pacific, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong and Seoul, Jones Lang LaSalle, Ermenegildo Zegna and Santa Fe Relocation Services. We are very proud to be donating 9.5 million won from the proceeds of this event to the Eugene Bell Foundation.



James Tyrrell from Jones LaSalle (far right) & guests

Rex Duncan from DHL, Duncan Cole and Martin from the Australian Trade Commission and Les Edwards from Lee DDB Inc



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Annie and Jonno Sharrock, Veolia Water (below)



November Global Café

This month's guest speaker was the delightful Fides Park from Fides Travel who shared with us some ideas for family breaks and vacations both here in Korea and in the local region. Mrs Park's presentation was professional and entertaining and she graciously encouraged everyone to share their own views and experiences in travelling around Korea.



Mrs Fides Park (second from right) with Carol Osborne, Ingrid Hunganfoo and a Fides Travel colleague



Karen Heeney, Therese Griffin and Sally Gurr (right)



Geogie Bruce and Diana Underwood



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Christmas in Korea

For many Australian and New Zealand expats in Korea, celebrating Christmas in the winter, with the possibility of snow, is a real novelty. It's an increasingly significant time for many Koreans and you'll find that there are some similarities that will remind you of back home (unfortunately these will include the shopping frenzies and swarms of people in the department stores and malls). However, Christmas is not the big event here that it is at home.

You many have to find yourself doing a little improvisation to keep your Christmas spirit alive while in Korea. While some expats choose the leave the country altogether, others resign themselves to skipping Christmas at home and just go out to a western restaurant in Itaewon. Some opt to organize groups of foreigners and have a Christmas dinner together at someone's home, and some decide that they must go all out and pay top dollar to attend Christmas events and turkey dinner at one of the luxury hotels in Seoul such as the Grand Hyatt, COEX Intercontinental and the Hilton.

Ingredients for making Christmas goodies can normally be found at the usual supermarkets catering to foreigners however you may have to make do with substitute ingredients (currants and Allspice for example are very hard if not impossible to find here). Alternatively Christmas cakes can be found at the 5-star hotel delis and Christmas cookies and chocolates at Costco.

For shoppers, the New Core Department Store has wonderful Xmas decorations – possible the best in Seoul. Or contact BASS member Gail (themowats@hotmail.com) for handcrafted decorations from the Philippines. You won't have much trouble buying a plastic tree -- E-Mart carries them, for example -- but real ones are extremely difficult if not impossible to come by.

For children, The Nutcracker ballet at the Seoul Arts Center www.sac.or.kr is always very popular as is the Christmas train at the Hilton - kids love it and it raises money for charity. Book a table at Il Ponte for lunch on the 'patio' and your kids can watch the Christmas train and look at the Christmas tree while you eat. The Hilton also has nice Christmas decorations and treats for sale. And of course, ANZA's annual Christmas Lunch is always popular (see www.anzakorea.com – bookings closed 5 December 2007).

As far as we are aware there are no Santa's offering photo opportunities (please let us know if you know different!) but the Hilton has a nice big Santa chair in front of their huge tree in the lobby for photos.

Christmas lights aren't big here but if you venture downtown the grassy area in front of City Hall and the start of Chonggyechon are really beautiful at night in the winter. Many of the business buildings downtown are also decorated. And if you can swing it, the Christmas lights on the US base are wonderful.

(thanks to ANZA members Karen Heeney and Susan Edwards)

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Diana Underwood's Little Plum Puddings

1 packet (250g) of malt biscuits (McVitie's or Korean Digestives will also work) - finely crushed.

1/4 cup of caster sugar (Korean sugar is OK) dissolved in 3oz of butter.

1 1/4 cups of mixed or dried fruit soaked for several hours in 1/4 cup of fruit juice and a splash (or two) of cognac.

Mix everything thoroughly and roll into little balls (about the size of rum balls). They need some decoration as they can look quite plain. When cooled, drizzle with white icing or melted white chocolate over the top (to look like snow), then decorate with slivers of red and green cherries or jubes to look like berries and holly.

Gails Jools

Fabulous Christmas decorations specially imported from the Philippines and hand made Thai jewellery for sale. Decorate your home and find those last minute Christmas gifts! Capiz shell stars, glittery tree frogs, stunning tree toppers, Felicity Wishes ballerina tree decorations, miniature hanging decorative shoes (as sold at Harrods in the UK), twinkly stars and snow flakes, capiz shell angels.

Please call for appointment and directions to my house in Itaewon.
themowats@hotmail.com
or call 011 9010 0377

Other Bits and Pieces

- NZ children's clothing brand Pumpkin Patch is now being sold in selected Hyundai and Shinsegae Dept stores. Visit www.pumpkinpatch.co.kr for locations.
- Tim Tams now at Haddon House Market.
- Passions 5 is a great new bakery/café recently opened in the Hannam-dong end of Itaewon Main Street (opposite the road that leads up to the Samsung Leeum Art Museum and the Grand Hyatt). They bake great bread, cakes (the roll cake is delicious) and other goodies on site and have a very smart café with excellent coffee. As a bonus you also get a very warm welcome. Highly recommended!
- Jonny of Jonny Computer fame has opened a new venture, Jonny Dumpling in Itaewon (in the street behind Geckos, and almost opposite the underground supermarket). Jonny is very concerned with producing a healthy version of dumplings and mandus and only uses high quality ingredients and minimal fat. 5,000 won for 10 mandus is great value – and children love them! Phone: 02 790 8830.
- The PolyM home ware shop in Itaewon (near Sortinos) has closed but has been replaced by NYState Outlet, selling imported American and European brand clothing and shoes in larger sizes. We spotted Calvin Klein, Zara, and

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Nine West amongst other brands. Prices are comparable to those in the Itaewon Underground market so it's worth checking out!

Happy Little (Korean) Vegemites!

(By ANZA Committee Member Pilar Perez)

From “yuck... smells bad” to “delicious...I like it...more, no more...” and lots of funny faces and many more Korean/English expression in between, some 500 Korean students from elementary to high school level have now had the chance to taste, and give their views, on the controversial Aussie icon – Vegemite. And, love it or hate it, the best thing is that I am always assured of an animated discussion afterwards. – Lots of fun, especially when we then sing along to the song. Yes, they have learned the song too! These Happy Little (Korean) Vegemites are students attending schools that participate in the **UNESCO Cross Cultural Awareness Programme (CCAP)**. I joined CCAP as a Cultural Exchange Volunteer (CEV) shortly after I arrived in Seoul in April this year.

CCAP's core activity is to “invite foreign residents in Korea to share their culture with Korean youths.” Having been a busy working woman and mum back in Sydney/Canberra, I was not sure how things were going to turn out for me in Seoul – yes, my husband is happy working here, but what was I to do now? Becoming a CEV has been extremely rewarding for me. Together with a Korean Interpreter Volunteer (KIV), I have now visited more than 15 schools all over Seoul and introduced Aussie culture during, on average, 90 minute long presentations at each one.

I have made good friends with CEVs from many different cultures, as well as KIVs, schoolteachers and the UNESCO CCAP team that manage the schedule of visits and coordinate the CEV/KIV teams, workshops and get together. And of course, the school children, who have welcomed me so warmly into their classroom and their hearts. It has brought me closer to, and given me an understanding of, Korean life and culture that I would otherwise not have access to. It has also made me more aware of my own Aussie values and culture and I feel very proud that I am able to share them with these inquisitive young Korean minds and contribute to their acceptance and broadened understanding of foreign cultures. Anyone can participate in the UNESCO CCAP program, and I highly recommended – please check out their website and attend one of their orientation days or get in touch with me via events@anzakorea.com. “Give it a go”... we need more Aussie volunteers!!



[CCAP Website](#)



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Seoul Players are delighted to present their 10th Production, a pre-Christmas comedy:

Dinner on the 14th Floor

By playwright Evan Placey this is an innovative comedy about dysfunctional relationships. Involving two simultaneous story lines, the play sketches the highs and lows of two couples high up on the 14th floor of a Toronto apartment building. It reveals these couples as they grapple with love, apartment living, threesomes and football during the same 30-minute period as they prepare to attend a dinner party together to welcome new neighbors to the 14th floor.

WINNER of the Clark Lewis Prize and the Lionel Shapiro Award for Creative Writing!

Opening night: Sunday Nov. 25th @ 6pm and 8pm

Friday Nov. 30 @ 8pm

Saturday Dec. 1 @ 6pm and 8pm

Sunday Dec. 2 @ 6pm and 8pm

Friday Dec. 7 @ 8pm

Saturday Dec. 8 @ 6pm and 8pm

Closing night: Sunday Dec. 9 @ 6pm and 8pm.

Orange Tree Lounge in Haebangchon (near Itaewon).

Tickets 10,000 won– pay at the door

To book and for further information, seoulplayers@gmail.com
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For further information on any events or to join ANZA
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